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CONVENTION MAKES STEPHENS PRESIDENT

Attendance Very Large and Promise for Good Meeting Is Bright - Mr. T. H. Ellett Among Vice-Presidents. Home Mission Report and Negro Question.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) KANSAS CITY, MO., May 12.—Packed overflowing, are the adjectives needed to describe the condition of the Cavalry Baptist Church at 10 o'clock this , the hour appointed for the open ing of the Southern Baptist convention It is a large auditorium, but a convention that has a possible delegation of over two housand, and nearly one thousand needs a large auditorium in which to hold its session, and the ques tion of an auditorium that will hold the convention will enter into the selection of the place of future meetings.

convention was the presentation of the reports of the three great boards—Foreign Mission, Home Mission and Sunday Schools. The report of Dr. Willingham, for the Foreign Mission Board, was particularly notable. It showed a grand total of contributions amounting to \$283,-415.88, the largest in the history of the convention. The foreign work generally was shown to be in a most flourishing condition. The Home Mission Board's total of receipts was \$187,573, from all States. The most interesting feature of this report dealt with the negro question, as it affects Southern Baptists. The receipts of the Sunday School Board amounted to \$120,083.40, an increase of over \$10,000. The increase in the volume of work done was even greater. the reports of the three great boards-

Hon. E. W. Stephens President. e convention was promptly called to by the first vice-president of the session. Hon. E. W. Stephens, of nbla, Mo. In a few introductory re-s Mr. Stephens paid an eloquent to to the president of the last cou-con, ex-Governor James P. Eagle, rkansas, who had died during the

ention. ex-Governor James F. Eagle, for Arkansas, who had died during the ear.

The convention was opened with a ferent and appropriate prayer by Rev. IV. A. C. Davidson, of Birmingham, Ia., in which he thanked the Lord for he rich blessings of the past, and Imlered Him to send even richer blessings a the future. Some time was spent in he reading of the list of delegates, Rev. Dr. W. E. Hatcher, of Virginia, of the floor and appropriately nominated or the presidency Hon. E. W. Stephens, f Missouri. On the mention of the ame there was loud applause, which Mr, tephens promptly suppressed, saying nat "applause was out of order in this movention." Mr. Stephens promptly rered. His nomination was seconded by r. S. H. Ford, of Missouri, and Dr. T. M. Johnston, of St. Louis, Mr. J. D. Turnley, of Florida, nominated ev. Dr. T. T. Eaton, of Louisyille, but r. Eaton withdrew his name and moved in the secretary cast the ballot of the invention for E. W. Stephels, His moon was unanimously carried. Mr. Stephen shoused into the chair and made brief and very appropriate speech, in hich he spoke of the large constitutely and the great work of the convenion.

There was a lively nomination of vic following were elected by acclamation: T. H. Ellett, of Virginia; C. A. Smith, of South Carolina; Joshua Levering, of Maryland; J. C. Stalkup, of Indian Terri-

The secretaries, who have served the convention for twenty-five years, Rev. Dr. Lansing Burrows, of Nashville, and Rev. Dr. O. F. Gregory, of Montgomery. Ala., were re-elected by a unanimous standing vote.

George W. Norton, of Louisville, was elected treasurer and Dr. W. P. Harvić, of Louisville, auditor.

Other Work of the Day.

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Rev. Dr. T. T. Eaton offered a resolution that a committee of five be appointed, to whom shall be referred all applications for the place of the next meeting of the convention, who shall consider all of the direumstances and fix and announce the place of the meeting on or before January lat. It was supposed that this resolution would elicit a warm discussion, but after a few words of explanation by Dr. Eaton, the convention adopted the resolution by an overwhelming vote.

Judge John L. Peake, of Kansas City, ex-minister to Switzerland, and deacon in the Calvary Baptist Church, made an eloquent, humorous and telling address of welcome, and Rev. Dr. John E. White, of Atlanta, made a very felicitous response.

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In the afternoon the reports of the hoards were read. Rev. Dr. R. J. Willingham, of Richmond, corresponding secretary, rend the report of the Foreign Mission Board, and Dr. J. M. Frost, corresponding secretary of the Sunday School Board, located at Nashvillo, read an abstract of the report of his board. The reading of the reports had been interspersed with solos and other songs, which were well rendered and enjoyed, but at the close of this report a brother with a strong voice struck up, "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing," and the convention rose and sang with a will this familiar old hymn.

Report on Negro Question.

Report on Negro Question. Rev Dr. B. D. Gray, corresponding secretary, read the report of the Home Mission Board. These reports were referred to committees on various parts of them. To-night the convention sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. W. H. Felix, of

(Continued on Tenth Page.)

Every fruit flavor at our fountain is from the real fluit. The rare delicacy of every flavor is true to nature. WAGNER BRUG CO., The Tollet and Perfumery Druggist. Open all night.

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POINTER ON THE WEATHER

At 1 A. M. 55

Highest temperature yesterday...
Lowest temperature yesterday...
Mean temperature yesterday...
Normal temperature for May...
Departure from normal temperature...
Precipitation during past 24 hours....

PRESIDENT TO BE HERE IN OCTOBER

Contemplates Making Stay of Some Length in Richmond. The Trip South.

(From Our Regular Correspondent.) WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.-Tho President will probably visit Richmond trip South in October. He will certainly then, and he will visit one or two other points in North Carolina as he goes down or on his return. It is the present intention to make a stop of some length in

The President, when he went away The President, when he went away, was decidedly hazy as to when he could make the trip South, which he has contemplated for so long, but he is confident he will be able to get away next fall, soon after the extra session convenes and before it gets down to hard

FOUND SKELETONS IN TRUNK IN QUARRY

Discovery of Remains of Man and Woman Believed to

Clear Up Mystery. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

RUTLAND, VT., May 12 .- While clear ing away a pile of rubbish at the bottom the Royal Purple Slate Quarry pit East Poultney, to-day, workmen tunskeletons of a man and a woman.

This gruesome find is thought to clear up the mysterious disappearance of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Willard in the fall of Both were old people, and they who called at the house found it empty weeks all over the county, not the slightest trace of either man or woman was ever found. The general belief was that a tramp murdered the couple for the purpose of robbery. The skeletons were taken in charge by the selectmen and buried, both in the same coffin.

TRYING TO FORCE WHITE HOUSE DOOR

Italian Named Costable Arrested About Midnight at Rear Entrance.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—A man who said his name is Daniel Opstable, an Italian, was arrested by Policeman Hopkins while trying to force an entrance at the rear door of the White House about midnight to-night. He was locked up at the police station.

CHICAGO STRIKE MAY BE CALLED OFF TO-DAY

(By Associated Press.)

(CHICAGO, ILL., May 12.—Three severe blows were dealt to the cause of the striking teamsters to-night, and as a result the governing body of the organization, the Teamsters' Joint Council, to-morrow will meet to decide whether the strike shall be called off. The team owners who have been favorable to the teamsters bluntly informed the teamsters that the strike was lost, and that the best thing they could do was to call it off at once. The second blow was the resignation of Secretary Driscoll, of the team owners, who has been on the side of the teamsters, and the third was the decision of the Illinois Manufacturers' Association to back the Employers' Association, which has been conducting the fight against the teamsters.

Two non-union drivers were assaulted and beaten, one of them so severely that he may die. Beyond those cases there was no interference with the wagons worth mentioning. It required, however, a force of 4,000 policemen and deputy sheriffs to afford security for the wagons and to guard freight houses and stores throughout the day.

WIND AND RAIN CREATE HAVOC IN WEST VIRGINIA

(By Associated Press.)

HUNTINGTON, W. V.A., May 12.—A terrific storm of wind and rain, which has prevailed for the past eighteen hours, created hayoc throughout this section. Rumors of loss of life cannot be verified. The unprecedented rise in the Guyandotte River, 18 feet within twelve hours, carried out the immense boom of Crame & Company, and between 75,000 and 100,000 logs went out into the Ohlo River. Heavy damage to farmers was reported along the small streams, houses, barns, outhouses and live stock being carried away by the rush of water. All communication with the interior is still cut off, and it will be many hours before the extent of the loss can be ascertained. Rattroads are heavy loses from landsides.

SON OF CROKER DEAD ON TRAIN MOVE TO END WAR

Believed to Have Been' Killed by Effects of Some Drug

BOARDED TRAIN AT KANSAS CITY

At That Time Was in Charge of a Negro Who, When Arrested, Told a Straight Story of His Connection With

Case.

(By Associated Press.) KANSAS CITY, MO., May 12.-Herber V. Croker, son of Richard Croker, the dead on a south-bound Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad train between Kansas City and Newton, Kansas, to-day

dead on a south-bound Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad train between Kansas City and Newton, Kansas, to-day, He had died during the night, evidently from the effects of some drug administered at Kansas City, where he took the train last night for Bliss, Okla.

The first news of the death of young Croker was received in Kansas-City, this afternoon, when the local police were requested to hunt for a negro who placed Croker on the train at Kansas City.

According to a telephone message from Newton, Croker was found dead in a car seat just before the train reached Newton to-day. The body was taken from the train at Newton. His identity did not become known until a message was received from Richard Croker at New York several hours later, asking the authorities to hold the remains, and stating that he would leave immediately for Newton.

The first clue to Croker's Jdentity was a letter found in the dead man's pocket. This letter was addressed by Zach Mulhall, formerly of Oklahoma, who is now holding a Wild West show in New York city, to Joseph Shiller, manager of the fabous "101" ranch at Bliss, Oklahoma. Inquiry by telephone elicited the information that Croker was not known at the Bliss ranch. Evidently he was on the way to the ranch for an outing.

According to stories of passengers and the conductor on the train upon which Croker died, the young New Yorker was placed on the train at Kansas City by a negro shortly after 10 o'clock last night. Croker appeared to be under the influence of some drug. The negro was seen to hand him a sum of money and a railroad ticket just before the train starled, when he jumped off and disappeared. When the conductor came around to collect Croker's fare the latter was asleep, and the conductor did not disturb the passenger. Croker was left to himself all night until nearly 5 o'clock this morning, when the conductor made another attempt to collect the fare. He was unable to arouse Croker, and upon examination found that the young man was dead.

The negro who put young Croker on

was dead.

The negro who put young Croker on the train last night was Charles Woodson, a porter at the Coates Hotel. Woodson says that Croker had been drinking when he arrived at the hotel, about 8 o'clock last night. After checking a small valise at the hotel, Croker, the negro said, asked where there was a "hop joint." Woodson says that after repeated requests he agreed to accompany Croker to such a resort. Then they went together to a Chinese resort in Sixth Street, between Wyandotte and Delaware Streets, where they remained an hour. Woodson says that he then took Croker directly to the train at the Union Station.

Croker's valise is still at the check stand at the hotel. Croker did not register at the hotel, and it is not believed that he went to any other hotel during his brief stay in Kansas City. Woodson tells a straight story, and the police do not think that he was guilty of robling Croker or otherwise abusing his confidence. The negro who put young Croker on the

TWO MORE VICTIMS OF WRECK HAVE DIED

(By Associated Press.)

HARRISBURG, PA., May 12.—Two more victims of the wreck of the Cleveland and Cincinnati express, on the Pennsylvania Railroad at South Harrisburg yesterday morning, died to-day, bringing the total number of victims to twenty-two. Two others are in a critical condition. Sixteen of the dead have been identified. The bodies of the others are so horribly charred and burned that it is doubtful if they will ever be positively identified. Those who died to-day are Samuel Shubert, the New York theatrical manager, and Max Stethelmer, a New York manufacturer. (By Associated Press.)

MOB HANGS NEGRO IN PUBLIC SQUARE

Charged With Robbing Assemblyman by Threatening to Kill His Wife and Child.

(By Associated Press.)
CAIRO, ILL., May 12.—Tom Witherspoon, a negro, charged with the robbery spoon, a negro, charged with the robbery of Assemblymen Fred Hess by duress, to-night was taken from officers at Belmont, Mo., and lynched by a mob of several hundred persons, who hanged the negro in the public square. A negro today went to the home of Fred Hess, near Belmont, and at the point of a rifle demanded \$600. Hess told the negro that he did not have that much money in the house. The negro ordered him to go to Belmont and get the money, the compelled Hess to hitch up a horse to a buggy and ordered him to get in the rig with his wife and child. The negro then saddled another horse, and negro then saddled another horse, and mounting it told Hess to drive toward Belmont. When near Belmont the negro forced Mrs. Hess and her child to get out of the bugsy and enter a deserted shanty. The negro then told Hess to drive to Belmont and send the money back by a newro prescher inside of one shanty. He drive to Belmont and send the money back by a negro preacher inside of one hour or his wife and her child would be killed. Hess hurried to Belmont and sent the money back with the negro

PRESIDENT MAKES

Tenders Good Offices of United States to Japan and Russia.

ORDERS MINISTERS TO PRESENT MATTER

Has Received Assurances From American Representatives at Two Courts That Offer Will be Accepted-Steps May Bring Fighting to an Early End.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12 .- Pres' dent Roosevelt sent identical messages this afternoon to Ambassador Meyer, a St. Petersburg, and Minister Griscom, at Tokio, practically tendering the good offices of the United States to bring about peace between Russia and Japan. The messages were sent after a long conference with Secretary Taft. Two dispatches were received at the

Ambassador Meyer and one from Minister Griscom; advising the President that the tender of his good offices to induce peace between the two countries would be received at the respective courts. But it is said that the President was induced to take action largely because of cubligrams from Secretary Hay, who is resting in Italy. Mr. Hay is in closest touch with the situation in the Orient, and at St. Petersburg, and two or three days ago he had several lengthy conferences with Spencer Eddy, who is the secretary of the American legation at St. Petersburg. Mr. Eddy journeyed from Russia to Italy for the purpose of discussing the question of having the President offer to use his efforts to bring about peace. The Secretary of State cabled the President at length regarding the situation, and it is said that the dispatches of this afternoon to the American representatives at Tokio and St. Petersburg are the direct results of Mr. Hay's messages to Mr. Roosevelt.

During the past year there have been repeated rumors to the effect that the President had offered or contemplated offering his services in the interest of peace. These have always been contradicted. It is known, however, that President Roosevelt, from the first, has been on the lookout-for an opportunity to make advances of the character made to-day. It was flatly stated at St. Petersburg some months ago that such a tender of good offices would not at that time be considered. It was not made, and it is made now after the positive assurances of the American representatives at the capital of each belligerent that it will Ambassador Meyer and one from Minister of the American representatives at the capital of each belligerent that it will be considered.

It is confidently believed that this offer of the President will result in a declara-tion of peace. It will almost certainly peace treaty. The final adoption of the treaty by the two powers and the dis-bandment of the two armies will be a matter of greater time.

Situation in East.

(By Associated Press.)

ST. PETERSBURG, May 12 .- The adtion which it has about the ships of the Viadivostok division, which are reported to be off the coast of Japan, but the impression prevails in naval circles that acting under the instructions of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky they have passed through Tsugashu straits into the Pacific on a reconnaissance to ascertain if the passage is free of mines and feasible for Rojestvensky's squadron, and also threaten Japanese commerce. All the Russian navy divisions now in the Far East are acting under Rojestvensky's orders.

General Linevitch, in a dispatch from the front, dated May 11th, reports a series of small engagements for the pos-session of a pass seven miles southeast of Chimiatos, in which he says the Ja-panese were repulsed.

(By Associated Press.)

CHEE FOO, May 12-8 P. M.—A merchant vessel, which has arrived, lends confirmation to the report that the Japanese transport Sheyutsu, with 1,800 tons of provisions, bound for New Chwang, struck a mine on May 4th, near the Miac Islands. The entire after part of the transport was blown away.

ALEXANDER SERVED WITH HYDE SUMMONS

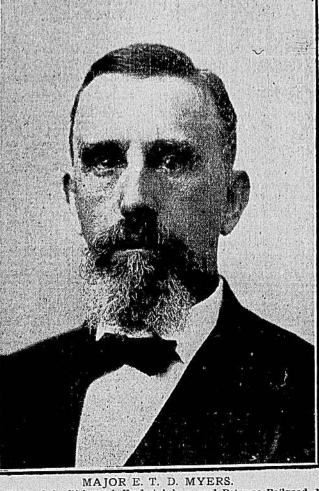
(By Associated Press.) NEW YORK, May 12.-James W. Alexnder, president of the Equitable Life ander, president of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, was served to-day with the summons and complaint in the suit brought against him by James H. Hyde, and others in which the plaintiffs desire the removal of Mr. Alexander from his position as trustee of the Hyde stock and demand an accounting. The complaint charges President Alexander with a wilful design to prostitute his trust so as to geize for himself the control of the property. Mr. Alexander is further charged with circulating numerous scandalous stories about Mr. Hyde's management of the society and his private conduct. Mr. Alexander made a reply to the complaint which is a denial of all of Hyde's allegations. of Hyde's allegations.

O WANT HELP TO-DAY.

The 16 advertisements for help published in to-day's Times-Dispatch on page 8 are as follows:

6 Trades. 1 Salesman. 2 Office. 1 Domestic. 2 Office. 1 Dome 6 Miscellaneous.

This not only interests those out of work, but those desiring to ir prove their positions as well,



President of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad, Who Died Unexpectedly Early Yesterday Morning.

CHURCH BURNED | GRADUATES OF

The Interior Wrecked, But the Steeple Left Stand-

ing.

Remarkable and Deadly Work Parents Will Look Eagerly for of Lightning at Pelham, N. C.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DANVILLE, VA., May 12.—The interior of the First Baptist Church, on Main Street, was destroyed by fire early this originated from a bolt of lightning, said to have struck the building. The loss will probably amount to about \$25,000, with an insurance of \$21,500. It was not until about 4 o'clock this morning that the fire was completely under control, at which time practically all of the inside of the edifice had been destroyed. The

walls of the church are intact, and the damage done to them was so slight that they can be used again if it is decided to rebuild the church as heretofore.

The floor of the main auditorium and a number of the pillars and seats also escaped being badly damaged.

STIPEPILE INTACT.

STIDEPLE INTACT.

The steeple of the church, while touching the main building, was practically a separate structure, and is now standing. The \$500 organ, located in the choir loft, was completely destroyed. The church was erected in 1882 and has a membership of 250. Rev. J. E. Hycks, the pastor, resides in the rear of the building, his residence facing Pine Street.

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The church will be robuilt and will be located on the same spot. A number of the influential Baptists, in an interview this morning, stated that the remaining walls will probably be torn down and a new building erected on a different plan. As yet nothing of a definite nature has been decided upon.

The church originally cost upwards of \$30,000.

\$20,000.

DEADLY LIGHTNING.

A bolt of lightning played a most remarkable feat last night at Pelham, N.
C., a few miles distant from this city, and as a result Ada Lovelace, aged eight

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DYNAMITE EXPLODED IN HANDS OF MAN ON LADDER

Seven Killed and One Fatally Injured in Accident in Montana.

(By Associated Press.) BUTTE, MONT., May 12.—Seven n were killed and one was injured, probably fatally, in an explosion in the Core miles, one of the Heinz properties, this afternion. The cause of the explosion is not known. Nels Wampa was carrying forty sticks of dynamite up a ladder to join companions on the 1,400 foot level, when the dynamite exploded with terrifice force. It is believed Wampa accidentally touched his candle to the explosive. Wampa was blown to bits, fragments of his body being found several hundred feet away. Two men working nearby were blown to pieces, the remains, when picked up, filling seven sacks. Four others 100 feet distant were instantly killed, though their bodies were not mutilated.

Bury John Paul at Annapolis.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12.—President Reosevelt to-day approved the recommendation of Secretary Morton that the body of John Faul Jones be buried at Annapolis, Md.

Embryonic Doctors, Dentists and Druggists Are An-

CONGREGATION WILL REBUILD MANY WILL SCAN THE LIST

Names of Their

of Virginia last night announced the

Graduates in Medicine. Francis Arthur Bell, Methuen, Mass. Hiram Franklin Bigony, Baltimore, O. James Moncure Bland, Shackelfords, Va.

Kemp Plummer Battle Bonner, Aurora

Samuel Cecil Bowen, Ruskin, Va. Dexter Peter Cannaday, Floyd, Va. William Haller Cassell, Wytheville, Va. Ferris Tower Cassiday, Richmond, Va. Suart Lessley Craig, Richmond, Va. Baxton Williams Dameron, Warrenton,

a. Issac Tripp Gorsline, New York city. Alexander Russell Gray, Richmond, Va. George Green Galt, Ontario, Canada. Percy Harris, Raidford, Va. Wallace Duncan Jefferson, Petersburg,

7a. Tilpian Henry Johnson, Lightfoot, Va. Walter Dennis Kendig, Lewiston, Va. Edwin Lawrence Kendig, Lewiston, Va. Joseph Barkley Lacy, Alchie, Va. Joseph Barkley Lacy, Alchie, Va. Monsey Edgar Mease, Sandy Level, Va. Alexander Eston Murray, Graham.

N. C.
William Reed McCall, Lodi, Va.
James Montgomery Northington, La
Crosse, Va.
Edgar Cooper Person, Pikeville, N. C.
Samuel Davies Rice, Montvale, Va.
Charles Fordice Ross, Morgantown, W.

Daniel James Rudaslli, Oak Park, Va. Daniel James Rudasili, Oak Park, Va, Edward Marshall Sandidge, Amherst C. H., Va. Max Schoenbaum, New York city, Jesse Urban Sickenberger, Mitchell's Mills, Pa. Joseph Dandridge Terry, Pamplin City, Va. Beverley Randolph Tucker, Norfolk, Va. David Nicoll Twyman, Charlottesville, Va.

Foy Vann, Union, N. C. James Walker Walters, Madison Mills,

Randall Jackson, Weber, Norristown, John Walter Witten, Tazewell, Va.

Graduates in Dentistry.

Henry Richard Cromartie, Clarkton Oscar Hooks, Fremont, N. Thomas Alpheus Jones, Jr., Saluda, Va. Rex Hale Phipps, Long's Gap, Va. James Albert Reese, Davis Mills, Va. William Henry Street, Jr., Center Cross,

Graduates in Pharmacy. Sidney Elsom Bray, West Point, Va. Patrick Henry Burruss, Richmond, Va. Clyde Cecil Hall, Hickory, Va. Loring Hammer, Luray, Va. Cecil Riddick, Hickory, Va. Leigh Festus Watson, Philippi, W. Va.

Lieut.-Commander Truxtun Dead (By Associated Press.)
NORFOLK, VA. May 12.—LieutenantCommander William Truxtun, United
States navy, died to-night at the residence of his mother. Mr. Truxtun was

retired some months ago on account of falling health. He was a son of the late Commodore William T. Truxtun.

Held Secret Session. The special joint committee on the proposed now electric plant for Richmond held a servet session last night and received the reports of Engineer Traiford.

The members declined to discuss the de-siberations of the body,

SUDDEN DEATH OF MAJOR MYERS

The Railroad President Passes Peacefully to His Last Rest.

CAREER OF ACTIVITY AND USEFULNESS

Railroad Offices Draped-Flags at Half Mast-Institutions in Which He Was Interested Pass Resolutions of Regret-Sketch of His Life.

Major Edmund Trewbridge Dana Myers president of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad and the distinguished ex-officer of the Confeder ate States army, died suddenly at his residence on Franklin and Belvidere Streets, vesterday morning at 3:45 o'clock in the eventy-fifth year of his age.

The end came with little warning, and so quickly that neither his sons nor daughter were able to reach his bedside before he expired.

rational that Dr. Robert F. Williams, who spent the night in the house had no nurse to bring him a glass of water, saynurse to bring him a glass of water, saying that his throat was very dry. Dr. Williams came to the bedside and saw at once that the end was very near. He left the room to call Mr. Libburn Myers, Mr. E. T. D. Myers, Jr., and Mrs. Preston, the sons and daughter of Major Myers, who were in the house. Before his return, before any of his children could reach him, he died with only the nurse to watch his spirit take its flight into enternity.

His was a peaceful death, quiet and gentle, without lingering pain or undue suffering. It was the end that he had hoped and prayed would be his, for not many days ago in discussing the death of his intimate friend, General Fitzhugh Lee, he said: "That was the way to die, quickly and without pain. I hope my end will be as quiet and peaceful."

His end was, indeed, like that of the man heloved and there is not a little pathos in the fact that his suffering and anxiety during the funeral of General Lee, was in during the funeral of General Lee, was in a great degree responsible for his fatal

A well known physician who knew him

A well known physician who knew him well, on yesterday said: "Jamestown killed Fitz Lee and Fitz Lee's funeral killed Ned Myers."

No sooner had the news reached Richmond that General Lee's condition was critical, than Major Myers nastened to Washington to offer his services to Mrs. Lee, and to place the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potonac Road at the disposal of the family.

or the family.

On Monday evening he was stricken with heart failure while playing whist with three of his friends at his own home. Dr. W. T. Oppenheimer, who was present, attended him and Dr. George Ben Johnston, his regular medical adviser, was sent for. Later Dr. Robert F. Williams was called in, although there was no reason to believe that the illness was of an alarming nature.

Major Myers, always modest and striving to repel public notice, requested that his illness be kept secret and that the newspapers be asked to make no mention of his indisposition. His condition did not grow worse and, indeed, late Thursday evening a telegram was sent to one posal of the family.

day evening a telegram was sent to one of his intimate friends stating that his condition had greatly improved and that there was no cause to be alarmed.

Depot Heavily Draped. The Union Station, in which was located the offices of the raliroads of which Major Myers was president, is heavily draped with black, a broad band running around the ontire building.

around the entire building.

In the offices, employes talked in lowered voices yesterday, and an air of gloom that almost could be felt permeated the departments. Major Myers's office, desk and chair were covered with black and there was not wunting marks of the affection in which he was held by those under his authority. Mr. Warren Taylor, general traffic munager of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac, and Mr. W. D. Duke, general manager, both of whom were as sons to Major Myers, declined to talk about their friend and president. Mr. Taylor said; "I feel as though I had lost my father, and then, too, I could never gay all that should be said in praise of Major Myers, He was the friend to all of us here, and there is not a man in the service who does not mourn his death."

Colonel William H. Palmer, who from boyhood, had been his intimate friend said: "No one who did not know him intimate

boyhood, had been his intimate friend said: "No one who did not know him intimately, appreciated his kind and gener-ous heart. His charity was wide and

mately, appreciated his kind and generous heart. His charity was wide and general. His aim was always to conceal the good he did and his dislike for notoriety was marked. He was a lovable man, who endeared himself to all who knew him."

Back in the year 182 there was formed in this city an organization knewn as the "Squirrel Club." There were but thirteen members, who met once a week for the purpose of social enjoyment. All through the years the club has met, and although the ranks have been thinned by death, the remaining members, drawn closer together, hold their weekly meetings. Of the thirteen, there remain now but four, Major Myers having been the last to say "adsum."

The Notable Thirteen.

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They were a notable thirteen-Major Lewis Ginter, Mr. Charles Wortham, Major Fred. R. Scott, Dr. Edward Robinson, Major Robert Archer, Mr. John Pope, Major Thomas Peyton, Captain Chamberlayne, Major E. T. D. Myersell of whom are dead, and Colonel John Montague, Colonel Alexander Cameron, Dr. O. A. Creushaw and Major Stringfellow.

Wrote Clever Poem,

When the club was first formed Major Myers wrote a clever poom that has been used as the club roll call over since. The four surviving members were seen on yesterday, all of whom spoke in words of affection and esteem of their late compade.

comrade. These are some of their expressions of